

A sweet aroma like red berries mixed the scent of a freshly baked frangipane tart. You'll notice a subtle nutty sweetness at first, and as it cools, those berry flavours really start to pop. Perfect for a special treat – espresso, with milk or as a filter coffee



**Country:** Rwanda

**Location:** Coko Sector, Gakenke, Northern Province

**Process:** Natural

**Cultivar:** Bourbon

**Altitude:** 1800-2000 masl

**Harvest:** March – October

Another fantastic and versatile coffee that brews excellently as an espresso or filter. As an espresso, it delivers a complex cup with a juicy body and a sparkling yet balanced acidity. When milk is added, an unexpected dry cocoa note emerges, making it a very suitable coffee for your morning flat white. As a filter, the zesty notes are a little more prominent, resulting in a comforting and sophisticated brew.

## MORE ABOUT THE PRODUCER

In 2009, eleven female coffee farmers including Thérèse Nyirangwabije, now president of the coop decided to transform what was being grown as 'traditional' coffee into something else.

Farmers in the Northern Province, in difference to the better known Lake Kivu area, were lesser known, and so used to selling their garden grown coffee by the side of the road to passing buyers.

By carefully saving their money, investing in their own land and, with help from National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB), infrastructure, they formed what has gone on to become a very successful operation.

They have 200 raised beds for drying, and employ 80 staff at the washing station in the season. They also have a youth committee – they're in charge of preparing the organic compost.

With 384 members now part of the cooperative, Thérèse is proud that 75% of members are women.

This is a considerable increase from a couple of years ago. That development means they providing training and support on a number of topics, from small projects that bring in an income, to strategies for reducing soil erosion through planting trees and how to adapt for climate change.

Harvesting occurs twice per month amongst the low density planting common to the area. Seedlings are also given away free to encourage and maintain plant vigour and quality of crop.